

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN AND
WORLD DECADE ON AFFORESTATION**

The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of, and **WELCOMES** the proposal by the Republic of Congo to launch an African and World Decade on Afforestation as a response to accelerating climate change;
2. **ENDORSES** the initiative and, while encouraging existing national and sub-regional initiatives, **UNDERTAKES** to advocate for its appropriation at the global level and for a more effective involvement of the international community in the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
3. **DECIDES** to organize the first International Conference on Afforestation and Reforestation (ICAR) from 11 to 12 November 2023, in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, under the aegis of the African Union and the United Nations Forum on Forests and **REQUESTS** the Commission to take all necessary measures for the organization of this Conference in line with the established practice and due process.